**God’s Design for the Church (1 Timothy)**

**“Action Speaks Louder than Words” (1 Timothy 4:11-16)**

**Recap:**

* **Finish Chapter 1**
* **Finish Chapter 2**
* **Finish Chapter 3**
* **Danger Ahead (4:1-5)**
* **Discipline Matters (4:6-11)**
  1. **Train yourself to Speak and Follow boldly (v. 6a)**
  2. **Train up your Faith and Doctrine (v. 6b)**
  3. **Train up your Godliness (vv. 7-9)**
  4. **Train up your Future Hope (v. 10)**
* **1 Timothy 4:11-16**
* **We are called to live an exemplary life. You are a young man like Timothy or an older gentleman like Paul, we can all be an example by our actions. After all Actions do Speak Louder than our Words.**
* **V. 11: “Command and teach these things.”**
* **“V. 12: “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.**
* **5 Actions to Set an example by Our speech and Character.**
  1. **The Way We Talk**
  2. **The Way We Act** 
     + **1 Corinthians 11:1: Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.**
     + **Philippians 4:9: What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me-practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.**
  3. **The Way We Love**
  4. **The Way We Believe**
  5. **The Way We Remain Spotless**
* **vv. 13-16: “Until I come devote yourself to public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which you have been given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”**
* **7 Actions to help us to have a model life.**
  1. **Devote ourselves in public reading of Scripture.**
  2. **Devote ourselves to exhortation.**
  3. **Devote ourselves to teaching.**
  4. **Do not neglect our gift.**
  5. **Practice and immerse ourselves.**
  6. **Examine ourselves.**
  7. **Keep Going**

**Conclusion:**

**Our Actions Speak Louder than our Words. Set the example.**

* **With Our Speech**
* **With Our Character**
* **With how we model our lives.**

**People are watching us. The World is watching us. If we want to win souls and bring people to Christ, we must let our actions speak louder than our words.**

**Are you setting an example?**